ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR APPLICATION INSTALLATION AND MANAGEMENT USING AN APPLICATION-BASED NAMING SYSTEM INCLUDING ALIASES

A method is presented for managing applications 10 using application-based names. A naming service registers an alias name; the alias name represents a first compound name that includes an application name that is associated with an application and a deployment name that is associated with a deployment attribute that 15 characterizes a deployment of an instance of the application. The naming service is also able to generate an application-based name associated with an application; the application-based name represents a context within a naming system, and the application-based name is a second 20 compound name that includes the alias name. Applications are managed within a data processing system using application-based names. The first compound name can be associated with a first topology-based name that represents a first context for organizing files that are 25 related to the instance of the application.